

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 21, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 402, 3/15/2017; SB 346, 3/15/2017
Executive Action: Be Concurred In As Amended: HB 496
Do Pass As Amended: SB 340, SB 344

00:00:01 Chair Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 402

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 402. Generally revise laws on storage units/rentals.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:39 Glenn Oppel, Montana Self Storage Association (MTSSA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a01\)](#)

00:12:49 Bob McCue, Missoula, storage owner, Eagle Self Storage; Montana Self Storage Association (MTSSA)

00:18:11 Kiira Bauerle, self storage owner, Billings; Montana Self Storage Association

00:23:51 Steve Inman, Billings, self storage owner, Triple A Mini Storage; Montana Self Storage Association

00:28:59 Will Bauerle, self storage owner, Billings; Montana Self Storage Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:13 Sen. Brown

00:35:12 Mr. Oppel, MTSSA redirect

00:35:32 Mr. McCue, MTSSA

00:37:01 Sen. Brown

00:39:13 Mr. McCue

00:39:17 Chair Buttrey

00:39:32 Sen. Brown

00:39:37 Sen. Facey

00:41:02 Rep. Essmann

00:41:34 Chair Buttrey

00:42:07 Rep. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:49 Rep. Essmann

00:43:36 Chair Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 346

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:16 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 346. Establish the small business retirement program.

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:57 Jackie Boyle, American Association of Retired Persons Montana (AARP)

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a03\)](#)

Chair Buttrey left the hearing. Vice Chair Brown assumed the role of chair.

00:56:09 Kathy Bramer, volunteer advocate, American Association of Retired Persons Montana, read testimony from Rachel Anderson, president, owner of Markouture, Livingston

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a04\)](#)

00:58:11 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

01:02:22 Jennifer Lehman, director of operations, Rural Dynamics

Opponents' Testimony:

01:04:21 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a05\)](#)

01:08:11 Brian Nelson, certified financial planner, Sullivan Financial Group (SFG)

01:13:37 Jon Metropoulos, American Council of Life Insurers

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a06\)](#)

01:16:06 Greg Dorrington, Montana Bankers Association

01:17:22 Bill Warden, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:13 Sen. Smith

01:18:18 Mr. Brown, MCC

01:18:51 Chair Brown

01:18:54 Mr. Brown

01:19:12 Sen. Connell

01:21:48 Mr. Brown

01:22:07 Sen. Connell

01:22:31 Sen. Gauthier

01:23:12 Sen. Facey

01:23:50 Mr. Warden, NAIFA

01:24:51 Sen. Facey

01:25:35 Mr. Nelson, SFG
01:26:08 Sen. Facey
01:27:00 Sen. Gauthier redirect
01:27:24 Ms. Boyle, AARP
01:29:06 Sen. Fitzpatrick
01:34:02 Ms. Boyle
01:34:41 Sen. Connell
01:35:37 Ms. Boyle
01:37:37 Chair Brown
01:38:49 Ms. Boyle
01:39:25 Sen. Salomon
01:44:12 Ms. Boyle

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:08 Sen. Gauthier

01:46:07 Chair Brown

Sen. Buttrey returned to the hearing and assumed the position of chair.

01:46:13 Chair Buttrey

01:46:36 Recess

02:00:05 Reconvene

02:00:15 Chair Buttrey

Sen. Connell did not return to the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 496

02:00:23 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 496 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:00:39 Chair Buttrey

02:01:03 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:01:33 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 496 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(bus58a07)

Discussion:

02:02:00 Sen. Brown

02:02:04 Sen. Facey

02:03:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by voice vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Connell voted by proxy.

Discussion:

02:03:35 Chair Buttrey
02:04:02 Sen. Fitzpatrick

02:04:10 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 496 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:04:19 Sen. Facey
02:04:43 Chair Buttrey

02:04:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Small, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Connell voted by proxy. Sen. Brown will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 340

02:06:08 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 340 DO PASS.**

02:06:37 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 340 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(bus58a08\)](#)

Discussion:

02:07:00 Chair Buttrey
02:08:12 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:08:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Connell voted by proxy.

02:08:33 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 340 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:09:55 Sen. Facey
02:09:59 Chair Buttrey
02:10:03 Mr. Walker, LSD
02:10:13 Sen. Facey
02:11:54 Chair Buttrey

02:12:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Connell voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 344

02:12:59 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 344 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:13:15 Chair Buttrey

02:13:19 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 344 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus58a09)

Discussion:

02:14:12 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:14:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Connell voted by proxy.

02:14:52 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 344 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:15:05 Sen. Facey

02:15:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Connell voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

02:15:39 Chair Buttrey

02:16:04 Sen. Facey

02:16:35 Chair Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:17 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus58aad.pdf](#))